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St. Margaret's Rectory
Bel Air, Harford Co. Md.
Aug. 18th 1908.

Dear Miss Howard,

I regret that I cannot identify the Benjamin Wheeler who was killed in the Revolut. war, Sept. 13th 1779; nor the Thomas Wheeler who enlisted Apr. 23rd 1778, and died Oct. 1778. I doubt of these were from Harford.

By consulting Preston's History of Harford County I find these Wheelers mentioned in connection with the Revolution.

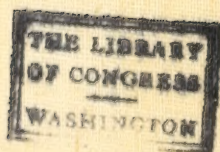
- 1 Joseph Wheeler } under Capt. Josias Carvil
- 2 Bennett Wheeler } Hall - Council of
- 3 Josias Wheeler } Safety 12th Sept. 1775.
- 4 Thomas Wheeler } under Capt. John Love
- 5 Josias Wheeler } 14th Sept. 1775.
- 6 Ignatius Wheeler, Jr. 1st Lieut. under Capt. Wm. Webb 14th Oct. 1775.
- 7 Thomas Wheeler } under Capt. Francis Holland.
- 8 Joseph Wheeler } Flying Camp. 2nd Nov. 1776.

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Mrs. Allen May Howard Bloedorn
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I believe that Joseph and Bennett Wheeler, nos. 1 & 2, were the brothers of Ignatius Wheeler Jr. no. 6, (later known as Col. Ignatius Wheeler) and that all three were the sons of Ignatius Wheeler, Sr. who was the brother of Thomas Wheeler, your ancestor, who married Sarah Scott.

Josias Wheeler, no. 3, was probably the son of Thomas Wheeler, your ancestor just mentioned, but not by his first ^{wife} Sarah Scott, but by his second wife, Elizabeth Hillen, nee Raven. He was therefore a half-brother of your ancestor Benjamin Wheeler, who married Mary Neale.

Thomas Wheeler, no. 4, may have been a full brother of Benjamin Wheeler, just mentioned, and therefore also half-brother of Josias W. no. 3; or he may have been a cousin of these, being the son of Benjamin Wheeler, a brother of Thomas Wheeler, your ancestor who married Sarah Scott; or finally, he may have been the son of your ancestor Benjamin Wheeler who married Mary Neale; in other words, the father of Ellen Wheeler who married John Gibson Grindall. I hold this last opinion as the most probable. Josias Wheeler, no. 5, is either Josias, no. 3,



or, what is more likely, Josias K. Wheeler,
 the son of Benjamin Wheeler and Mary
 Neale Wheeler, and therefore full brother
 of your ancestor Thomas Wheeler, father of
 Ellen Wheeler who married Jno. C. Griswold.
 Ignatius Wheeler, no. 6, is Col. Ignatius Wh.,
 son of Ignatius Wheeler Sr., ^{this father being} brother of Thomas
 Wheeler, your ancestor, who mar. Sarah Scott.
 Thomas Wheeler, no. 7, and Joseph Wheeler
 no. 8, I believe to be the same as Thomas
 Wh. no. 4, and Joseph Wh. no. 1.

Preston in his History of Hartford County
 says that "after the defeat of at Fort Wash-
 ington the Company under Capt. Francis
 Holland was attached to the army and per-
 formed the usual camp and guard duties,
 but did not have an opportunity to take
 part in battle". Thomas and Joseph were
 members of this Company. —

You are connected with the Revolution also by
 your ancestor Sarah Scott who married
 Thomas Wheeler. This Thomas had a sister
 Ann Wheeler who married Sarah's elder brother
 called James Scott.

Preston in his history mentions:

James Pett 1st sergeant under Capt.

John Love. 14 Sept. 1775.

Alquila Scott of James under Capt. Jacob

Bond 9th Dec. 1775

Dane & Scott of Alquila } under Capt. Jacob Bond
Alquila " " " } 9th Dec. 1775.

As in there is some connection similarly
through Capt. Robert Harris of Hartford,
- Philadelphia 2 Nov. 1776.

This Capt. Robert Harris married Susannah
Whipple daughter of Thomas Whipple by his
second wife (first was Sarah Pett) Elizabeth
Trillem nee Kover. Susannah was therefore
full sister of Josias Whipple (No. 3) but
half sister of Benjamin Whipple who mar.
Mary Seal.

Finally there is still another link through
Capt. Bennett Bussey. This gentleman
was active throughout the war of independence.
He was an officer in the Eighth or 8th Halls
Battalion of 4th. Co. Cadw. & Bussey was of Capt.
Bennett married Julia Wheeler the sister



of Ellen Wheeler who married J^{rs}. G. G. G. G. G.

I will insert here a note in reference to Gibson. Col. Ignatius Wheeler had a sister who married John Lee Gibson, July 12th 1779. This Mrs. Gibson was the first clerk of the Hartford Court and held the position for many years. I don't not but J^{rs}. Gibson Girdall was named for him. You ask what is Elizabeth's father's name? Not known.

Larok Scott's? she was the daughter of Daniel Scott, wife Elizabeth — — ?

Mary Neale? Not known, but most probably of the same family, as Archib. Neale.

Dr. Felix Jenkins' ancestor was Benjamin Wheeler, the same as yours, only you are descended by his first wife Mary Neale, whereas the Doctor by his second wife, Elizabeth Thomas Grant. Frances Helen Wheeler who married Felix Jenkins was not half sister to Helen Ellen Wheeler, but half sister to Ellen Wheeler's father, Thomas Col. This Thomas was married but once, and unfortunately we possess not the name of his wife, but Thomas' father, Benj. W^h, was married twice as said above. Frances Helen Wheeler's brother was Michael A. Wheeler who became a priest. Pastor Clarence Wheeler, pastor of a Church in Washington is a descendant of the Hartford Wheelers. Pastor Walter Connelly whom you mention is an old friend of mine.

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Your descent is this

- 1 Benjamin Wheeler
- 2 Thomas Wheeler
- 3 Benjamin Wheeler
- 4 Thomas Wheeler

Benjamin, no. 1, came from Piscataway parish
Prince Georges. to Baltimore county, now Harford,
in 1715. He died 12th Oct. 1741. His wife was
Elizabeth — ? who died 21st June 1742 -

Thomas Wheeler, no. 2, was born 19th May 1708;
married first Sarah Scott daughter of
Danl Scott & Eliz. — ? date — — ?
married 2nd widow Eliz. Hillen, nee Raven,
date of this second marriage, 21 Dec. 1748.

Benjamin Wheeler, no. 3, born 29 Oct. 1731
married first Mary Neale
" secondly widow Eliz. Thomas, nee Green

Thomas Wheeler, no. 4, born — ? married whom — ?
died intestate 1810
His daughter Ellen married Jas. C. Griswold
17th Nov. 1807 -

I possess no other dates referring to the persons
named but these.

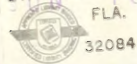
Before closing I must thank you sincerely
for the present you sent me. I am however
not a smoker, but some of my visitors are.
Wishing I could have served you better, and begging
a continuance of prayer in my behalf, I remain
Yours very sincerely
J. A. Frederick.

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